

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

JOSHUA K. ARMSTRONG,

Petitioner,

V.

DAVID VANDERGRIF,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:22-cv-00525-JSD

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

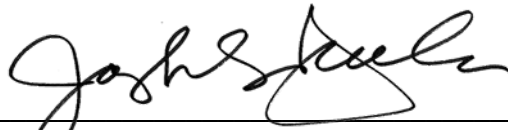
This matter is before the Court is Petitioner's Motion to Appoint of Counsel (ECF No. 20).

With respect to Petitioner’s Motion for Appointment of Counsel, there is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in a civil case. *Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing*, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In determining whether to appoint counsel, courts consider factors that include whether the plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting his prayer for relief, whether the plaintiff will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel, whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to the Petitioner’s allegations, and whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. *See Battle v. Armontrout*, 902 F.2d 701, 702 (8th Cir. 1990); *Johnson v. Williams*, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); *Nelson*, 728 F.2d at 1005.

After considering Petitioner's Motion to Appoint of Counsel, in view of the relevant factors, the Court finds that the facts and legal issues presented in the instant case are not so complex as to warrant the appointment of counsel at this time. In addition, the pleadings filed by Petitioner Armstrong indicate that he is capable of presenting the facts and legal issues without the assistance of counsel. Petitioner's Motion to Appoint Counsel will therefore be denied.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion to Counsel (ECF No. 20) is **DENIED**, without prejudice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph S. Dueker", written over a horizontal line.

JOSEPH S. DUEKER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 8th day of August, 2023.